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1. During the winter of 1951-1952, air activity in the Kiev-Darnitsa (N 50-25, E 30-30) area was slight. In early April 1952, about seven mid-wing jet fighters, with swept-back wings, approached [] PW camp from the southeast. These aircraft were the first jet planes [] They had no step in the fuselage, and were fitted with an elevator assembly set rather high. Other PW's at the camp believed that these planes were stationed at Borispol airfield (N 50-22, E 30-55).¹ The jet planes crossed the field only on low-level flights. No firing practices, attacks on air sleeves, parachute jumps, AAA firing, or searchlight activity were observed. The planes usually flew in formations of three to twelve aircraft.

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2. On each day between 12 and 24 May, from three to ten jet aircraft (usually four or five) crossed [] PW camp approaching from the area east and southeast of Kiev-Darnitsa. The jet craft were mid-wing monoplanes with tapering wings, a step in the fuselage, and a single-rudder assembly with an elevator assembly set about in the middle of the rudder assembly. The aircraft observed had one engine, and bulges for machine guns and cannons were observed on both sides of the fuselage. The planes flew at low or medium altitudes at an even rate of speed. No firing practice or ground-air activities were observed.²

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1. [] Comment. The planes seen [] were MIG-15¹ and appear to have been stationed at Borispol airfield, which was improved in 1947-1948.

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2. [] Comment. The planes observed [] were fighters of the YAK-15 type.

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